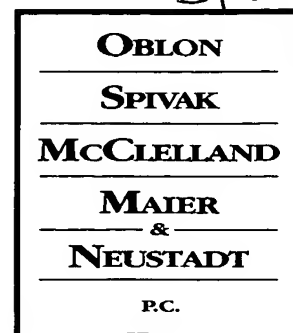




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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 27, 2006, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-3.

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